(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Statement is enclosed (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The endeavour of the Central Government has been to rationalise the system of subsidies by making them transparent, and helping the poor, vulnerable and weaker sections of the community.

Statement

Details of Subsidies

(In crores of Rupees)

		Actuals 1989-90	Actuals 1990-91	Actuals 1991-92	Actuals 1992-93	Actuals 1993-94	Actuals 1994-95	Actuals 1995-96	Actuals 1996-97	Actuals 1997-98	Actuals 1998-99
A.	*Major Subsides*	9032	9581	9793	9414	10764	11527	12430	13664	18366	19883
1.	Food	2476	2450	2850	2800	5537	5100	5377	6066	7500	9000
2.	Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	400
3.	Indigenous (Urea) Fertiliser	3771	3730	3500	4800	3800	4075	4300	4743	6600	6000
4.	Imported (Urea) Fertiliser	771	659	1300	996	762	1166	1935	1163	826	983
5.	Fertiliser subsidy to small and marginal farmers	...	...	385	...	.....		...	...	...	...
6.	Export promotion and Market Development	2014	2742	1758	818	665	658	318	20	440	500
7.	Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concession to farmers	...	...	...	...	...	528	500	1672	2600	3000
B.	*Debt Relief to Farmers*	...	1502	1425	1500	500	341	...	...	...	...
C.	**Other Subsidies**	1442	1075	1035	1081	1418	1064	942	2461	1278	2142
8.	Railways	233	283	312	353	412	420	388	466	526	628
9.	Mill-made Cloth	10	10	15	15	16	...	...	...	...	...
10.	Handloom Cloth	181	185	187	161	174	148	126	98	64	46
11.	Import/Export of sugar 'Edible Oils etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	50	20	30
12.	Interest Subsidies	881	379	316	113	113	76	34	1257	78	39
13.	Assistance for fertilizer promotion	...	...	...	340	517	...	...	...	...	...
14.	Other Subsidies	137	218	205	99	186	420	294	590	590	1399
	TOTAL SUBSIDIES	10474	12158	12253	11995	12682	12932	13372	16125	19644	22025

Loans for Development of Industries in North-Eastern Region

1769. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of investment of the Nationalised Banks and financial institutions operating in NE region for the development of industries in the States of the said region during the last three years, State-wise and bank-wise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any specific Action Plan to liberalise conditions for grating of loan by Nationalised Banks and financial institutions to industries in the NE-region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be

laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Setting up of Committee for Writing Off Bad Loans

1770. SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has set up a Committee to frame uniform guidelines to write-off bad loans;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) when the Committee is likely to complete its work;

(d) whether the Chairman of Indian Banks Association has ruled out any relaxation in the non-performing asset norms in India; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up an informal working group to frame guidelines on write-off/compromise of non-performing advances of banks. The terms of reference of the Group are to examine and suggest;

I. Criteria for provisional write-off;

II. Criteria for final write-off;

III. Criteria for compromise settlement; and

IV. Setting up of Debt Settlement Tribunal in view of the fact that the Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRT), have no discretion in awarding settlements. The group is likely to complete its work within next three to four months;

(d) and (e) Norms for classification of assets are finalised by the Reserve Bank of India and not by the Indian Banks Association.

Resource Support by SIDBI to NBFCs

1771. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of resource support given by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to NBFCs for transportation financing in 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the percentage total resource support scheme allocated to the NBFCs under the above head;

(c) the amount sanctioned by SIDBI on technology development and modernisation schemes in 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by Government to ensure financing by SIDBI in small scale industry rather than NBFC and large scale unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) SIDBI has been providing support to NBFCs in respect of their leasing/hire purchase activities relating to the small scale industries (SS and small Road Transport Operators (SRTOs). Amount of disbursements to NBF in respect of